Rs. 3306/- indicated in the Advance Purchase Orders. The equipment has now been supplied as per the new offer.

(c) to (e) Question does not arise.

Amount Earmarked for Promotion of Tourism in Andhra Pradesh

6351. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHARA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked to promote tourism in Andhra Pradesh during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of new places proposed to be promoted in the State;

(c) whether there are any proposals to construct new hotels by the India Tourism Development Corporation during the said period in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Central financial assistance for the development of tourism is provided on the basis of specific proposals received from the concerned State/Union Territory Governments each year. The projects/proposals for the 1997-98 have not been identified.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Railway Line between Sabarimala and Angamaly

6352. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of Angamaly-Muvattupuzha-Pala-Erumely-Sabarimala railway line, sector-wise break-up;

(b) the funds earmarked by the Government for above line, sector-wise;

(c) the reasons for granting the less amount for above line; and

(d) the time by which the above line is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The estimated cost of the line is as under:-

Angamaly-Erumely-343 crs.

Erumely-Sabarimala-207 crs.

(b) The funds for Railway works are allotted project-wise and not sectorwise. Rs. 1 lac has been allotted for this line during 97-98.

(c) This line has been included in the Budget 97-98 subject to obtaining necessary clearances. The work would be taken up after the required clearances are received and hence a token provision has been made.

(d) Will depend upon the availability of resources.

Proposal of Air Lanka for Sale of Shares

6353. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air Lanka proposes to sell 40 percent shares to some foreign partner;

(b) if so, whether the Air India and the Indian Airlines have submitted their bids for the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) The Government has no such information.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Villages without Post Offices in Gujarat

6354. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have done any survey in Gujarat regarding the villages which do not have post offices at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) by when the Government propose of open post offices in all the villages of the State;

(d) whether the Government propose to make available mobile post offices in such villages of the State for the time being to cater the postal need of villages; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the villages which do not have post offices at present district-wise are given in the enclosed statements.

(c) Post Offices are opened under Annual Plans subject to norm based justification and availability of resources. During the Annual Plan, 1997-98, it is proposed to 25 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in the villages of Gujarat.

(d) No, Sir.